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Short Title: 2020-2021 School Transportation Flexibility.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT TRANSPORTATION CAN BE PROVIDED FOR STUDENTS TO ATTEND IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION IN LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS DURING THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the General Statutes, any executive order, secretarial order, or directive authorized pursuant to Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the General Statutes, or any other provision of law, a local board of education may provide bus transportation to students for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year as follows:

- (1) For students receiving Plan A instruction, bus transportation shall be provided in accordance with the Plan A requirements for transportation established in the StrongSchoolsNC Public Health Toolkit (K-12) issued on March 4, 2021.
- (2) For students receiving Plan B instruction, bus transportation shall be provided in accordance with the Plan B requirements for transportation established in the StrongSchoolsNC Public Health Toolkit (K-12) issued on March 4, 2021, except as provided in subdivision (3) of this section.
- (3) Local boards of education offering Plan B instruction to students in grades six through 12 may offer transportation to those students in accordance with the Plan A requirements for transportation established in the StrongSchoolsNC Public Health Toolkit (K-12) issued on March 4, 2021. These local boards shall notify the Department of Health and Human Services and describe the unit's plan for providing transportation in Plan A. These local boards are authorized to share any information regarding the transportation provided in Plan A requested by the ABC Science Collaborative of the School of Medicine at Duke University (ABC Collaborative). The ABC Collaborative may provide analysis of this data.
- (4) In the event a single bus simultaneously provides transportation to students receiving Plan A instruction and to students receiving Plan B instruction, except as provided by subdivision (3) of this section, the requirement that no more than one passenger may be seated per school bus bench seat shall apply only to those students receiving Plan B instruction.

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

